STATEMENT—IV

Electronic Exchanges proposed to be set up during the year 1993-94 in Maharashtra including Bombay.

Sl. No.	Type	Place	Quantity
1.	C-DOT MAX-I	Vasco-de-gama Gondia Satpur-Nasik Ratnagiri Tarapur Maharishikarva Kalyan Satara Nanded Malegaon	10
2.	E E. 10 B including	Pune Tenden Ulhasnagar RLU Aurangabad RLU Kolhapur RLU Nagpur Main Panjim Main Kolhapur Main	7
		Bombay MTNL	4
3.	64 MILT		130
4.	128 P C DOT		150
5.	512 P ILT/C-DOT		20
6.	1000 L C-DOT		20
7.	1400 C-DOT		26
		Total	367

Telephone facilities in Panchayat Houses in Madhya Pradesh

125. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh where telephones have not been installed so far and what is the number of Post Offices from where telephones have been shifted to panchayat houses;

(b) what is the number of panchayat houses in the state where telephone facility has not been provided so far; and

(c) what is the number of panchayat houses where telephone facility has been provided; and what amount was spent for this purpose during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (c) Details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Strike by Employees of MTNL

126. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the indefinite strike by the Manager Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) employees had adversely affected the functioning of

the telephone network of the capital on 13th April, 1993 particularly manual trunk services, customer services centres and STD both in Delhi and Bombay as reported in the Hindustan Times of 14th April, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the main demands of the National Telecom Federation and whether these are linked with the overall issue of reorganisation and restructuring of the Department of Telecommunications as whole indicating the recommendation of the Athariya Committee in this regard; and

(c) what preventive steps Government have taken so far so that strike might not be intensified indicating the number of demands so far accepted by DOT as a result of latest talks held between the Federation Secretary-General and Chairman of Telecom and MTNL Management in New Delhi on 13th April, 1993 please give details of latest development in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes Sir, due to tool down/pen strike by the MTNL Staff Union, Telecom, services were partially affected at Delhi. There was no effect on the services in Bombay as the strike did not materialise there.

(b) The demands of the National Telecom. Staff Federation are given in statement I (*see* below). Their main demands are linked with the overall issue of reorganisation and restructuring of the Department of Telecom. for which a *High Level Committee* under the Chairmanship of Dr. M. B. Athreya was appointed. This Committee has recommended that present duality of structure i.e. part DOT and part MTNL should be ended.

(c) All possible precautionary measures were taken to minimise the effect of the strike on the services. The matters was discussed with the representatives of the Federation and the extent to which the demands have been accepted are given in statement II. The agitation was called off on 16-4-1993 (Afternoon).

Statement—I

The demands raised by National Telecom. Staff Federation are as under :—

(i) To declare and apply the Standing Orders (Service Rules) of MTNL to the staff working in MTNL (Delhi/Bombay) w.e.f. 1-4-86.

(ii) To absorb all the deputed staff in MTNL w.e.f. 1-4-86 and Pay the dues as per Public Sector Employees.

(iii) To absorb all the DRMs as Regular Mazdoor, who worked for 240 days in the preceding year before 1-4-86.

(iv) Implementation of Athreya Committee Report and allotment of 30% shares of MTNL to the Staff of Delhi/Bombay Telephones deputed in MTNL.

(v) Regularisation of Diploma Holder wireman as per Agreement.

(vi) Merger of P.I.s, RSAs. AEAs, etc. with J.T.O.

(vii) Withdrawal of Dies-non order for 23-6-92 of MTNL Bombay Staff.

(viii) Withdrawal of false cases lodged by Delhi MTNL against Union representative during agitational programme in May, 1991.

(ix) Revision of pay Scale of Section Supervisors (Clerical).

(x) Recognition of National Telecom. Staff Federation.

(xi) Payment of Rs. 100/- p.m. to DRMs and the officers.

(xii) Payment of Rs. 100/- p.m. to Canteen employees of MTNL w.e.f. 1-10-91.

(xiii) Fixation of Quota for Telephone Connections for MTNL Staff.

(xiv) Telephone rent rebate.

Statement—II

The Salient points agreed with the Federation are :—

1. The Cabinet note on the recommendations of the Athreya Committee is being recommended and will be sent within 10 days to the Cabinet for Government approval.

2. The implementation of the 'No Work—No Pay' principle for the strike period will he deferred till the final decision of the Cabinet in this regard.

3. The demand pertaining to Daily Rated Mazdoors (Wiremen Grade) has been accepted and instructions are being issued separately.

4. The recognition to the Union cannot be given as per DOP guidelines.

   However, they will be granted meetings and their letters will be entertained at all levels.

5. Process of withdrawal of Police cases which do not involve assault and violence will also be started.

DOT Expension plan

127. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that failure of multinational companies to clear tests has adversely affected DOT's expansion plan;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to overcome this problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Pay Scales of Inspectors and Assistant Superintendents in the Department of Posts

128. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Inspectors and Assistant superintendents of post offices are working in the department of posts;

(b) whether it is a fact that an assurance was given to Parliament Assurance Committee by the Department of Posts that the pay scales of Inspectors and Asstt. Superintendents in that department will be revised soon; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Asstt. Supdt. of Post Offices—1439

Inspectors of Post Offices—2130.

(b) Yes Sir. Assurances in reply to the Parliament Questions that the matter was under examination were given.

(c) The Govt. have not found it possible to revise the pay scales of Inspectors and Asstt. Supdts. of Post Offices as demanded by them. Since the Association of Inspectors and Asstt. Supdts. of Post Offices have filed an application in the Central Administrative Tribunal on the question of revision of their pay scales, the Government have decided to await the judgement of the CAT.